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LAND REFORM IN FUKIEN AND KIANGSI

LAND REFORM IN WEST FUKIEN -- Ho-p'ing Jih-pao, 10 Mar 49

The Chairman of the China Rural Reconstruction Federation, Dr Chiang Mon-lin, said today that the Federation had decided to help the land-reform movement in Lung-yen and other hsien in western Fukien by providing farm equipment. This region was the first in the nation to realize the principle of "land to the tillers." This effort will have much influence in reforming and stabilizing social economy and order in China. Living conditions and farm production in this area are already 20 percent above previous years. The Seventh District Office of Fukien is already instituting reform in Yung-ting, Wu-p'ing, and Shang-hai Hsiens, with Ch'ang-t'ing, Chang-p'ing, and Lien-ch'eng to follow, the whole to be completed within a year.

KIANGSI LAND-REFORM PROPOSAL -- Hsin-wen Pao, 2 Mar 49

The Kiangsi Land-Reform Proposal covers the following three points:

1. Limiting private ownership of arable land. It has been decided to allow about 8 acres for a family of ten. Families of less than five may not have more than 4 acres of land. Those who own land in excess of these provisions must sell before February 1950. The price shall be five times the existing rental, to be paid in 10 years beginning in 1950.
2. Supporting the individual farmer. The provincial government may take over uncultivated arable land, cultivated land of an absentee owner, and excess cultivated land not sold within the time limit. The provincial government may apportion the land taken over to tenants or farmers who need land on the same terms of five times the rental, payable in 10 years.
3. Protecting the tenant. The rental agreement must be registered, and rental must be limited to 8 percent of the land value, or 37.5 percent of the regular crop.

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